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## Issue Brief – Commission on Women & Families

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### **TRANSFER OF COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

The Governor's Commission on Women and Families was created by Governor Cal Rampton and is funded with \$21,000 in General Fund through the Governor's Office. Governor Leavitt created the Governor's Initiative on Families Today (GIFT) and \$100,800 in General Fund was appropriated to the Department of Human Services in FY 1993. The Governor's Commission on Marriage was created informally in FY 1998 and has no funding of its own. All of these are managed by one person. The Governor has moved the person and proposed moving the funding to the Department of Workforce Services.

### **ANALYSIS**

This transfer does not involve any new funds, only the transfer of funds from the Governor's Office and the Department of Human Services to the Department of Workforce Services. The fit with Workforce Services seems a good one since two of the four purposes of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program are family and marriage related: Encourage two-parent families, and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Analyst recommends allowing the transfers, including the transfer of \$100,800 of General Funds from the Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services' Administration budget to the Department of Workforce Services. This recommendation is not reflected in the Analyst's FY 2006 budget tables and charts. It requires the approval of both the Health and Human Services and the Commerce and Revenue appropriation subcommittees.

The legislature is not required to approve the transfer and can insist that things stay the same. Or the legislature can refuse to fund the activities altogether.